AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (*Currently Amended*) A user registration supporting system which supports a user, who uses a multi-component product including a plurality of component~~products~~ provided by a plurality of companies, in applying for user registration for the plurality of component~~products~~, said system comprising:

a user-information database which stores user information including a plurality of data items;

a user-information providing section which provides said user-information database with the user information; and

a to-be-registered information generating section that ~~which~~ receives individualized specification information from each of the plurality of companies from a plurality of company terminals which are connected through a network and used by the respective companies, wherein the individualized specification information for ~~received from~~ each company specifies~~specifying~~ at least one data item required for user registration of the component provided by that company for the multi-component product, extracts the at least one data item specified by each individualized specification information from the user information stored in said user-information database, and generates to-be-registered information for each of the plurality of

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companies for user registration based on the individualized specification information received

for each company, and

wherein said system can generate the to-be-registered information for each of the

plurality of companies at once, based on the user information.

2. (*Currently Amended*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 1,

further comprising:

a company-information database which stores the specification information, and

wherein said to-be-registered information generating section generates the to-be-

registered information, based on the specification information of each of the plurality of

companies which is stored in said company-information database.

3. (*Previously Presented*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 2,

further comprising a user registration section which registers the to-be-registered information for

each of the plurality of companies.

4. (*Original*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 2, wherein said

to-be-registered information generating section detects that new user information is stored in said

user-information database, and generates to-be-registered information from the new user

information.

5. (*Currently Amended*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 4, wherein:

said user information includes identification information for identifying the multi-component product used by the user;

said company-information database stores information regarding the plurality of companies providing the components ~~products~~ according to multi-component product; and

said to-be-registered information generating section specifies the plurality of companies providing each of the components of the multi-component product ~~products~~ used by the user, from the information regarding the plurality of companies and stored in said company-information database, based on the identification information included in the user information, and generates the to-be-registered information according to component~~product~~.

6. (*Currently Amended*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 5, wherein:

each of said plurality of companies is a seller or manufacturer of each of the components~~products~~ included in the multi-component product used by the user;

the identification information is information regarding a model name and/or model number of the multi-component product; and

said to-be-registered information generating section specifies a seller or manufacturer for providing each of the components~~products~~, from the information regarding the plurality of

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companies and stored in said company-information database, based on the information regarding

the model name and/or model number of the multi-component product.

7. (*Currently Amended*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 5,

comprising a communications section which is connected, through a network, to a plurality of

company terminals used respectively by the plurality of companies providing the plurality of

componentsproducts, and sends the to-be-registered information generated by said to-be-

generated information generating section to each of the company terminals.

8. (*Original*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 7, wherein:

said communications section is connected to a user terminal which is used by the user

through a network, and receives the user information from the user terminal; and

said user-information providing section provides said user-information database with the

user information which is received by said communications section.

9. (*Original*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 2, wherein:

the user information is correction information which is formed by correcting the user

information stored in said user-information database;

said to-be-registered information generating section extracts an item which differs from

an item included in the user information stored in the user-information database, from the

correction information, specifies a company requesting the extracted item for the user

registration, based on the specification information stored in said company-information database, and newly generates to-be-registered information for the specified company.

10. (*Previously Presented*) The user registration supporting system according to claim 2, wherein:

the user information includes information regarding a product demanded by the user;

said company-information database stores information regarding a product provided by a company;

said to-be-registered information generating section extracts at least one company which can provide the product demanded by the user from said company-information database, based on the information regarding the product demanded by the user, and generates the to-be-registered information based on the specification information of the extracted company, and wherein said system includes

a communications section which is connected to a plurality of company terminals used by the respective companies and to a user terminal used by the user through a network, receives the user information from the user terminal, sends the information regarding the product demanded by the user and the to-be-registered information to a company terminal used by the company extracted by said to-be-registered information generating section, and sends, to the user terminal, information designating at least one company which the to-be-registered information generating section extracted and the information sent to the company terminal.

11. (*Currently Amended*) A method for supporting a user, who uses a multi-component product including a plurality of <u>components</u> ~~products~~ provided by a plurality of companies, in applying for user registration for the plurality of <u>components</u>~~products~~, said method comprising:

storing user information including a plurality of data items;

receiving individualized specification information from each of the plurality of companies from a plurality of company terminals which are connected through a network and used by the respective companies, <u>wherein</u> the individualized specification information <u>for</u> ~~received from~~ each company <u>specifies</u> ~~specifying~~ at least one data item required for user registration <u>of the component provided by that company for the multi-component product</u>; and

extracting <u>the</u> at least one data item specified by each individualized specification information from the stored user information, and generating to-be-registered information for each of the plurality of companies for user registration based on the individualized specification information received for each company[[,]]~~thereby to generate the to-be-registered information~~ ~~for each of the plurality of companies~~ at once, based on the user information.

12. (*Previously Presented*) The method according to claim 11, wherein said generating includes generating the to-be-registered information based on specification information stored in a company-information database.

13. (*Original*) The method according to claim 12, further comprising registering the to-be-registered information for each of the plurality of companies.

14. (*Original*) The method according to claim 12, wherein said generating includes detecting that new user information is stored in a user-information database, and generating to-be-registered information from the new user information.

15. (*Currently Amended*) The method according to claim 14, wherein:

said user information includes identification information for identifying the multi-component product used by the user;

the company-information database stores information regarding the plurality of companies providing the <u>components</u> ~~products~~ according to multi-component product; and

said generating includes

specifying the plurality of companies providing each of the <u>components</u> ~~products~~ included in the multi-component product used by the user, from the information regarding the plurality of companies and stored in the company-information database, based on the identification information included in the user information, and generating to-be-registered information according to <u>component</u>~~product~~.

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16. (*Currently Amended*) The method according to claim 15, wherein:

each of the plurality of companies is a seller or manufacturer of each of the <u>components</u> ~~products~~-included in the multi-component product used by the user;

the identification information is information regarding a model name and/or model number of the multi-component product; and

said generating includes

specifying a seller or manufacturer for providing each of the <u>components</u>~~products~~, from the information regarding the plurality of companies and stored in the company-information database, based on the information regarding the model name and/or model number of the multi-component product.

17. (*Currently Amended*) The method according to claim 15, further comprising sending the to-be-registered information which is generated by said generating to a plurality of company terminals which are used respectively by the plurality of companies providing the <u>components</u>~~products~~, through a network.

18. (*Previously Presented*) The method according to claim 17, further comprising

receiving the user information from a user terminal used by the user through a network, and

wherein said storing includes providing the user-information database with the user

information which is received from the user terminal.

19. (*Original*) The method according to claim 12, wherein:

the user information is correction information which is formed by correcting the user

information stored in the user-information database; and

said generating includes

extracting at least one data item which differs from a data item included in the

user information stored in the user-information database, from the correction information,

specifying at least one company which requests the extracted at least one data

item for user registration, based on the specification information stored in the company-

information database, and

newly generating to-be-registered information for the specified at least one

company.

20. (*Previously Presented*) The method according to claim 12, wherein:

the user information includes information regarding a product demanded by the user;

the company-information database stores information regarding a product provided by a company; and

said generating includes

extracting at least one company which can provide the product demanded by the user from the company-information database, based on the information regarding the product demanded by the user, and generates the to-be-registered information based on the extracted specification information of the extracted company,

receiving user information from a user terminal used by the user through a network,

sending the information regarding the product demanded by the user and the to-be-registered information to a company terminal used by the company extracted by said generating, through a network, and

sending, to the user terminal, information designating at least one company which has been extracted and the information sent to the company terminal.

21. (*Currently Amended*) A computer readable recording medium which records a

program for controlling a computer to execute:

storing user information including a plurality of data items regarding a user who uses a

multi-component product including a plurality of components products-provided by a plurality of

companies;

receiving individualized specification information from each of the plurality of

companies from a plurality of company terminals which are connected through a network and

used by the respective companies, wherein the individualized specification information for

received from each company specifies specifying at least one data item required for user

registration of the component provided by that company for the multi-component product; and

extracting the at least one a data item specified by each individualized

specification information from the stored user information, and generating to-be-registered

information for each of the plurality of companies for user registration at once, based on the

individualized specification information received for each company.